African Burial Ground

Pinkster Celebration

Saturday, May 21, 2016

12PM-4PM

Pinkster was a religious holiday and was also associated with the change of season to spring. Today, Pinkster is recognized as the oldest African-American holiday of the original thirteen colonies that became the United States of America. The African influence on Pinkster dates from the fifteenth century in the Bantu regions of Congo and Angola.

Pinkster is derived from the Dutch word "Pinksteren" which means Pentecost or the Seventh Sunday after Easter.
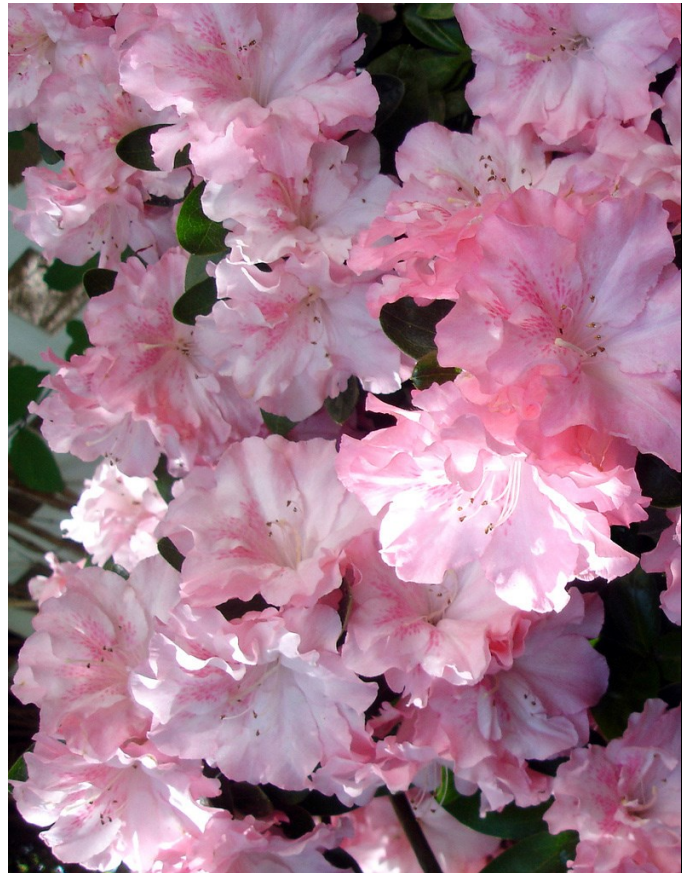
The African Burial Ground National Monument and the African American Pinkster Committee of New York (AAPCNY) invite the general public to a commemorative celebration featuring the pouring of libations, lectures, songs, performances, reading of proclamations, and the laying of flowers on the burial mounds.

Since the 1970s, New Yorkers have resurrected Pinkster festivals in New York and throughout the surrounding areas. Celebrate New York's vibrant African American history and culture at one of New York City's most sacred sites, the African Burial Ground National Monument Memorial on Saturday May 21, 2016 at 12 noon.

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Pink Azaleas are the official flower of Pinkster.
Credit: Lorrie Morrison

Plan Your Visit

The Pinkster celebration will take place at the African Burial Ground National Monument, located on the first floor of 290 Broadway in Lower Manhattan, just north of City Hall. African Burial Ground National Monument visitor center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm. The memorial is open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm. The visitor center and memorial are closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

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